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TOPIC Military Information from the Quartering Area of the 19th Gds Mech Div, Ho ThirdShock Army, 3d Gds AAA Div and 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GDR

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1. Between 22 and 26 May 1954, the Nachrichten Kaserne (5286), Magdeburg, was occupied by a guard detail of about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Only a few windows of the installation were lighted at dusk.
2. Between 22 and 27 May, the Herrenkrug Kaserne (5283), Magdeburg, was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Numerous individual soldiers, including some wearing olive-green epaulets with medical insignia, were seen en route to and from the installation. Three T-34 tanks, 23 trucks, 4 motorcycles and 1 four-wheel armored scout car were seen in the barracks yard on 27 May.
3. Between 22 and 26 May, the Finger Kaserne (5284), Magdeburg, was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and olive-green epaulets with medical insignia.
4. Between 29 April and 25 May, the Knacke Kaserne (5281), Magdeburg, was occupied to capacity. The installation was fully lighted at dusk on several days of observation. Intensive traffic of individual troops, mainly officers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets, was observed. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation

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5. Between 21 and 27 May, the Seeckt Kaserne (5287), Magdeburg, was occupied by a guard detail of about 150 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Neither training nor vehicular traffic was observed.

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6. Prior to 3 May, the Flak Kaserne (5282), Magdeburg, was occupied by an estimated 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and, on 6 May, by an estimated 600 troops. Between 6 and 26 May, source did not observe any changes in the occupation of the installation. Troops repeatedly received instruction on 37-mm AA guns and training in telephone-operations service. The 4 x 76-mm AA guns, which were still in the old emplacements east of the athletic field, were covered with tarpaulins. Dumbo-type, a Whiff-type, and a Fishnet-type radar set were seen near the guns. The Fuoso-3 type ballistic directors were no longer seen in their previous emplacements at the athletic field on and after 4 May.

7. Between 30 April and 4 May, the Flak Kaserne, Magdeburg, was occupied to capacity. The installation was fully lighted after nightfall. On 1 May, four 85-mm guns were seen in the AAA emplacement outside the installation. A ballistic director with a generator and a radio truck were seen near the emplacement.

8. Between 13 April and 6 May, the barracks installations at the northeast and west exits of Hillersleben (5182/5181) were occupied to capacity. The installations were fully lighted after nightfall on several days of observation. The installation at the northeastern exit quartered an AT unit equipped with about 24 guns of 57 mm and 85 mm caliber. Some of the soldiers of this unit were quartered in the barracks installation at the west exit of Hillersleben. About 13 JS tanks, 16 T-34/85 tanks and 60 to 80 motor vehicles were stored in the sheds near Muehlentberg (hill) in the installation at the northeast exit of Hillersleben. Up to 10 T-34/85 tanks and JS-3 tanks were repeatedly seen leaving these sheds toward north for Letzling Heath.

The gun sheds of the barracks installation at the west exit of the town were occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 4 x 76-mm AA guns.

9. On 6 May, the barracks installation at the west exit of Hillersleben was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. The sheds were occupied by tanks, mostly T-34/85 tanks, and trucks. Intensive activity, including maintenance work on tanks and motor vehicles was observed in the installation. Six T-34/85 tanks engaged in driving school practice in the training area north of the installation.

10. On 6 May, the barracks installation at the northeast exit of Hillersleben was occupied by an estimated 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. Intensive activity was observed in the installation. About 35 troops with field telephones and radios returned to the installation.

1. Comment. The bulk of the units of the 19th Gds Mech Div left Magdeburg for the summer camp at Letzling Heath in early May. According to the present information, Herrenkrug Kaserne remained occupied by a major detail, possibly the 26th Gds Tank Regt, which presumably was detached as security detail for the Magdeburg post for the event of possible unrest.

2. Comment. The Encke Kaserne can be carried occupied as previously by the Hq Third Shock Army prior to late May.

3. Comment. The bulk of the 36th Ion Bridge Regt of the GDFG transferred to the engineer training area southeast of Rossau in early May.

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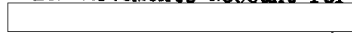

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4.  Comment. In early May, the unidentified HV AT/arty Regt of the 20th Army AT Brig (US) probably transferred to Altenbratow, a light regiment of the 3d Gds AAA Div presumably to Mustrow and units of the 19th Gds Mech Div, which were stationed in Flek Kaserne, fairly definitely to Letzling Heath, which movements account for the decreased occupation strength on 6 May.  After the departure of the abovementioned units, the installation was probably occupied by only elements of the AAA division. 25X1
5.  Comment. Except for information by the last source, which probably confused the two installations, the report does not indicate any change in the distribution in Hillersleben of the units of the 19th Gds Mech Div prior to 6 May. These observations check with information of preceding years, according to which these elements followed the troops from Magdelburg to the Letzling Heath summer camp only when formation drill started. The barracks installation at the northeast exit of the town has, so far, been carried occupied by the 64th Gds Mech Regt, the 153d Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt and the unidentified tank training battalion, while the unidentified engineer battalion and the 2503d Gds AAA Regt (US) were carried in the installation at the west exit. The engineer battalion may have transferred to the Bittkau training area in early May. However, no pertinent observations have been reported. The present information confirms the AAA regiment until 6 May 1954. 25X1

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